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The visit of Chairman Quay and other

prominent Republicans to Virginia has thrown

the Bourbons into a cold sweat for fear the

light may be turned on their proceedings.

"The thief doth fear each bush an officer."

The unexpected announcement of the

death of Hon. B. F. Claypool, of Conners-

ville, will be received with regret by a large

circle of friends. He was a man of decided

ability and unblemished character, prominent

as a lawyer, politician and business man.

The secret energies of nature are manifold

and mysterious. The terrible explosion at

Chicago, yesterday, killing three men and

wounding several others, shows that so nutri-

tious and popular a food as oatmeal may be-

come, under certain conditions, as deadly as

dynamite.

THREE United States war vessels will sail

from New York, to-day, to enforce the govern-

ment's demand against Hayti. We have

not heard of any steamers dispatched to resist

German aggressions on American rights in

Samoa. It is safe enough to threaten Hayti,

but bullying Bismarck would be quite another

matter. It is always a good thing to know

whom to kick.

A WASHINGTON special says Congressman

Mills is far from well, being greatly exhausted

by the labors of the campaign and subject to

alarms attacks of vertigo. Perhaps this

morbid and excitable condition may account

for the wild and romantic statements recently

made by Mr. Mills regarding alleged Republican

frauds in this State. We sincerely hope

the gentleman from Texas will soon recover

so far as to be able to tell the truth.

COMMISSIONER COLMAN is opposed to mak-

ing the Agricultural Bureau a separate de-

partment and its head a Cabinet officer. He

says: "The department would be much better

as it is. At present it is one of the best or-

ganized departments in the government, and

more independent of the President than any

of the other departments." This is the view

held by many, if not most of the intelligent

agriculturists throughout the country. It is

not apparent how the interests of agriculture

would be benefited, or the efficiency of the

bureau increased by the proposed change. On

the contrary, by making it more of a political

machine, the change would probably be for

the worse, and there is no particular propriety

in making the Commissioner of Agriculture

one of the President's "constitutional ad-

visers" so-called. The bureau is doing very

good work at present and had better be kept

out of active politics.

THE Memphis Public Ledger prints an in-

terview with Mr. Hinton Helper, editor of the

Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, which

contains some interesting suggestions relative

to the material progress of the South. The

Record makes a specialty of collecting infor-

mation on that subject. Its editor says that

since the election investments have been

made to the amount of nearly \$5,000,000, and

he predicts that during the next six months

more capital will be invested in the South

than in any previous two years. In the course

of his travels in that section he finds con-

fidence increasing, political animosities sub-

siding, and all the conditions favorable for

material progress. He says that there is nothing

like the feeling of disappointment over the

election of General Harrison as in the case of

former Republican Presidents, and many of

the intelligent business men of the South ex-

pect excellent results from his administration.

This is encouraging, but these intelligent

business men, and leaders of Southern opinion

generally, should remember that what the

next administration may do for the South is

not more important than what they may do.

The next administration can be depended

upon to do its entire duty by all sections of

the country and all classes of the people; the

rest will depend on themselves.

INCOMPETENT Democrats now in the rail-

way mail service are congratulating them-

selves that the extension of the civil-service

rules to that branch of the service will protect

them from removal. It will do nothing of

the kind, though probably the President's or-

der was intended to have some such result.

The civil-service law does not say a word

about removals from office. It only prescribes

the method of appointment to the positions

embraced by it. The power of removal, as it

has always existed, remains unchanged. Ap-

pointments can only be made of persons who

have passed the required examination. Every

Democratic incompetent now in the railway

mail service can be dismissed out of hand,

without infringing the law in the least.

When it comes to passing examinations to fill

the vacancies the old Republican clerks will

stand an excellent chance of getting in on

their merits, if the examination is made a

practical test, as it should be. But, on the

other hand, intelligent Democrats will stand

an equal chance. The application of the

civil-service rules to the railway mail service

can never make it more efficient than it was

under Republican administration. It is so

thoroughly demoralized now that it will take

some time under any system to weed out all

the incompetents and get good men in their

places. The present postal service is a wreck.

THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

The Democratic campaign of lying has taken

the form of an assertion that efforts are

being made to prevent an indictment from

being found against Colonel Dudley in con-

nection with the letter attributed to him dur-

ing the late campaign, and that the temporary

adjournment of the grand jury was in pur-

sue of a "deal" to this effect. The rascals

who are engaged in inventing and circulating

this lie have even had the audacity to con-

nect Judge Woods's name with the alleged

"deal," and to intimate that he was a party

to the arrangement by which the grand jury

investigation was to be dropped. The Sentinel

copies the story in detail from the Indian-

apolis correspondence of the New York Times,

and, under the pre-

tense of condemning the alleged transac-

tion, virtually indorses the story. It

asserts further, as of its own knowledge, that

"among other propositions which were made

to certain leading Democrats was one to the

effect that if the Dudley matter was dropped

all the suits for damages brought against

United States Marshal Hawkins, on account

of the arrests made by his deputies on elec-

tion day, would be withdrawn."

In so far as these statements assert or im-

ply that the Republican party in Indiana, or

any representative or agent on its behalf, or

any person authorized to speak or act for it,

has done or proposed anything to prevent a

thorough investigation of alleged election

frauds, or made or proposed to make any

"deal" for the purpose of preventing the in-

dictment of Colonel Dudley, or shielding

him from the legal consequences of any

of his acts, they are unmiti-

gated lies. We do not know how to express

a baser degree of falsification than to say the

story is as bold and brazen a lie as the one

declaring that the recent Republican victory

in this State was gained by wholesale bribery

and fraud. The connection of Judge Woods's

name with so infamous a transaction as an

alleged connivance at a failure of justice by

adjourning the grand jury for the purpose

indicated is of a piece with previous Demo-

cratic attacks on the integrity of the federal

court. If Judge Woods had but a small part

of the partisanship or vindictiveness that these

Democratic liars and liablers have insinuated,

he would summon some of them before him for

contempt. He would be fully justified in do-

ing so, but perhaps he is better justified by

ignoring them.

Pending the action of the grand jury in

the Dudley case the Journal has refrained

from saying a word about it editorially, not

wishing to lay a straw in the way of a thor-

ough investigation of the case. As the grand

jury has not yet reported we still refrain

from commenting on the merits of the case

and on some phases of the matter that will

call for comment hereafter. Thus far the

Democratic campaign liars and managers of

the Cleveland post-mortem have been hav-

ing everything their own way. They have filled

the air with their outcries about wholesale

fraud, with their assumption of political

virtue, and with the awful pun-

ishment they had in store for Col.

Dudley when the grand jury should have in-

dicted him, as it certainly would when their

clear and convincing proofs of his guilt were

submitted. All this has been tiresome, but

we have preferred to endure the swash of

Democratic virtue rather than say a word

which might be construed as opposing or

hindering a thorough investigation of the

case. We only refer to it now for the pur-

pose of denying the statement that Republi-

cans are trying to thwart an investigation.

The Republicans of Indiana challenge and

court an investigation of their election meth-

ods in this State, either by a grand jury or

a committee of Congress. In the present case

they desire that the grand jury investigation

shall be prosecuted to a definite conclusion.

There are indications that the Demo-

cratic gentlemen who have been fore-

most in this Dudley-letter business, and

loudest in their assertions of overwhelming

proof of guilt, etc., are trying to let go of it.

They would like to unload the matter on the

Committee of One Hundred, but they decline

to surrender any of the damning proofs they

claim to have, or even to make an affidavit of

facts that will give the committee a starting

point. This is babyish and cowardly. Let

them stand up to the rack, and make their

charges good before the grand jury. On be-

half of the Republicans of Indiana, and in

the interest of fair elections and fair play, we

insist that the investigation shall go on. If

Colonel Dudley has done something

for which he should be indicted,

let an indictment be found.

If he is innocent of any violation of law, let

him have the benefit of a vindication. If the

rascals who have possession of his alleged

letter have altered it to suit their purposes,

justifying Colonel Dudley's statement that it

is a forgery, let that fact be made to ap-

pear. In short, let the investigation go on. We

presume, of course, that the adjournment of

the grand jury was rendered necessary by

other engagements of the court. When the

grand jury reassembles it should resume the

investigation, and prosecute it to a point

where it can make a definite finding. Then

we shall know whether Colonel Dudley has

been guilty of an indictable offense, or

whether some other people have been guilty

of the tallest lying in modern times.

A MEMBER of the South Carolina Legisla-

ture has presented a bill to that body which

provides for "some legal safeguards to pre-

vent fraud at the primaries of the Democratic

party." This is a new departure in legisla-

tion, and if the bill becomes a law it will at

least show an awakening conscience in a

party that has heretofore not been averse to

committing almost any kind of fraud to gain

its end. People in the North, however,

would be better pleased to see a bill intro-

duced looking to the prevention of fraud at

an actual election, instead of at a primary.

THE Louisville Commercial, of yesterday,

says:

"Bill Nye and James Whitcomb Riley had the

top floor at Liederkrantz Hall last night, and

George O. Barnes held forth in the hall below,

a sparring match was in progress on the first floor,

and it was rumored that a dog fight took place

in the basement. It is not uncomplimentary to

Mr. Nye and Mr. Riley to say that among the

varied festivities of the evening they were the

most popular, and had by far the largest and

most fashionable crowd."

We infer from that that Louisville is a center

of varied cult, and that its amusements run in

straits.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

What President was it that ordered the first

thanksgiving? LUCY ROSE,

CLEVELAND, O.

The first President to issue a thanksgiving

proclamation was George Washington. It was

issued in 1789, on account of the adoption of the

Constitution.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

THE Rev. Dr. W. Bogen, of Memphis, has ac-

cepted the chancellorship of the University of

Georgia.

COUNT VON MOLKE has at his home one of

the finest flower gardens in the world. His

favorite flower is the rose.

The wife of Mr. Benjamin Constant is de-

scribed as very beautiful, resembling the best

portraits of Marie Antoinette.

COUNT TATZ, Prime Minister of Austria, will

be made a Prince by the Emperor of Austria.

He is also a peer of Ireland, under the title of

Viscount Tatz.

An English parson has astonished his con-

gregation by exhorting them before his sermon to

pray fervently for the early discovery of the

Whitechapel murderer.

The engagement is reported at Berlin of Miss

Pritchard, of Boston, who resided in Berlin with

her mother for some years, to Baron von

Schulze, an officer of the Imperial Guards.

DR. J. J. WHITE and Dr. John Ash-

burn are the most prominent physicians men-

tioned to fill the chair of surgery at the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania, left vacant by the re-

signation of Dr. D. Hayes Agnew.